

To: Board of Education

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Re: Agreement for School Psychology Services

Date: November 10, 2016

Background:

School psychologists are necessary to meet IDEA requirements for students with disabilities as documented in a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) as well as for students being considered for special education. The district was unable to fill one school psychologist vacancy for the 2016-2017 school year, and in order to meet IDEA requirements, it is necessary to enter into a contract with Rhonda Denning, Independent School Psychologist, to provide these services. In addition, the district anticipates the need to cover for a school psychologist's FMLA of 12 weeks.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends board approval for the district to enter into a contract with Rhonda Denning, Independent School Psychologist, for the provision of school psychology services for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of \$70 per hour, not to exceed \$85,000.

Motion:

"I move the Board of Education enter into a contract with Rhonda Denning, Independent School Psychologist, to provide school psychology services for Lawrence Public Schools for the 2016-2017 school year, not to exceed a cost of \$85,000."